INDIANAPOLIS, MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 3, 1902.

PRICE 2 CENTS EVERYWHERE.

FERER BY FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Large Portion of the Business District of the Enterprising City Destroyed in a Few Hours.

GALE FANNED THE FLAMES

LOCAL FIREMEN WERE POWERLESS present. TO STAY THEIR PROGRESS,

And Aid Was Hastily Summoned from Hartford, New Haven and Other Near-by Cities.

STILL BURNING THIS MORNING

BUT WAS BELIEVED TO BE UNDER CONTROL AT 3 O'CLOCK.

Rumors of Loss of Life Not Confirmed -Thieves at Work-One Building That Was Fireproof.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 3.-In the hardest gale of the winter Waterbury struggled last night with a fire that destroyed a large area of the business section of the city and threatened to wipe it out completely. The blaze started in the upholstery department on the third floor of the store of Read & Hughes Dry Goods Company, at 108-120 Bank street, and that store and many adjoining buildings were reduced in a few hours to smoldering embers. An estimate of \$2,000,000 as the amount of the property loss on buildings and con tents was considered conservative by insurance men. The origin of the fire is unknown and it was undiscovered until it had gained tremendous headway. At 6:15 p. m. three employes of the Read & Hughes Company were in the store, and when they left they noticed no odor of smoke about the main floor.

Fifteen minutes after the men had left the store flames burst from the windows of the third floor and almost simultaneously from the basement. Before anybody could ring in an alarm the whole interior of the building was ablaze. When the department reached the scene flames were issuing from every window of the building, and it was evident that the structure was doomed and the entire business section of the city imperiled.

SHRIVELED LIKE PAPER. The wind, which was at first shifting, settled towards the east and carried destruction with it. The first building to catch from the Reid & Hughes Company's store was a tall structure occupied by the Salvation Army barracks and a Turkish bath. A moment or two later the flames leaped across Bank street and wiped out the Ryan & Fitzmaurice block, Cannon & Webster's drug store, Davis's cigar store and the store of J. B. Rullings & Sons. The fire burned rapidly through to South Main street and jumped across that street, shriveling the buildings like paper. At the same time the flames caught the Masonic Temple and traveled from the Salvation Army building to the rear of the Franklin House on Grand street, and the entire block, consisting of seven or eight handsome fivestory buildings, with thirty tenements and the large quarters of the Waterbury Amer-

ican, were in ruins before midnight. After 9 o'clock the militia was called out to preserve order. The fire was partially and papers, and it can require the disunder control at 10:30 o'clock. It had been | trict attorneys of the United States to | before they fell? tions were that it would content itself on | sion, however, has no only failed to de-Center street with burning out the long vote its time and energy to discovering block that contained the Franklin House and the American office. Shortly after encouraged them and has done all in its midnight, however, the fire broke out in | power to break down the force of the act new places, and the efforts of the local firemen, combined with the aid given by enforcement impossible. Whereas, not a fire fighters and apparatus from Hartford, | single decision has impaired the commis-Bridgeport, New Haven and Naugatuck, seemed powerless to stay its progress. The states in its last annual report that the and he walked up and hit John on the back blaze was wiping out the business portion | courts have held that, to convict for pay- of the head with the butt end of his Winof the city, all the fires being confined to that section, though residential parts of rebate to a particular shipper, but it must | the first to touch either of the men, and he the city were in danger by sparks driven by also be shown that it did not pay the same

NO ACCIDENTS REPORTED. many rumors of accidents and fatalities, but at the Waterbury Hospital, at 1 o'clock, less of what was paid by anyone else, and it was said that no accidents or deaths had | the act makes this offense punishable by been reported there. At that hour the fire a fine which may be as much as \$5,000. was sill burning, though as viewed from investigations upon the subject, not to range the hospital, which is on an eminence com- enforce the act, but simply to advertise manding a view of the city, it appeared that its vigor was abating. Hope was ex- now asked by the commission would have pressed that the worst of the fire was | the remotest tendency to prevent this rate over, and that it would soon be under control. At 1 o'clock conservative estimates

In despair of being able to subdue the flames by the usual methods the use of dynamite was suggested, but the idea was afterward abandoned because it was feared tant sections of the city.

It was reported that numerous thieves were operating in houses whose occupants had left them to view the blaze. A number

arrests were made. The way in which the flames leaped from ie building to another, and even across the streets, terrified the spectators, for it seemed that nothing could check them. As the special train arrived, bringing assist- trunks belonging to C. B. Clausen, travel- that penetrated the kidney, none of them ance to the Waterbury department, willing | ing representative of a Minneapolis wholehands unloaded the apparatus and hurried | sale jewelry firm, were recovered to-day at it to the scene of the fire. Several times | Terry, forty miles west of Glendive, where during the evening it looked as though the firemen had finally confined the blaze to a certain district, but each time a cry of dis- trunks being taken from the Northern Edward himself. The powder marks are appointment and warning went up from the thousands of throats as the fire was seen breaking out elsewhere.

The Waterbury Bank had a most remarkable escape both from fire and falling debris. The bank bullding stands on the corner of Center and Bank streets and adjoining buildings on both streets. Both these structures were destroyed, but the tically opened here to-day and promises to bank was literally fire proof.

\$50,000; O'Connor block, \$35,000; Greenberg & balls will be held during this year's celebra- This evening the bodies were removed victions has been learned here. The less tively early day. They say that Senator provinces. Surrenders of men and rifles factories and mills will be unable to Puckner, \$30,000; old American block, Chas. tion.

lones, Morgan & Co., clothiers, \$50,000; Mullings & Son, clothiers, \$100,000; Camp block, in process of demolition, \$50,000; New England Engineering Company, \$75,000 Franklin House, \$40,000; Turkish bath, W. O. Schlegel, proprietor, \$20,000; Jean Jacques WATERBURY, CONN., A HEAVY SUF- block, \$40,000; Mrs. W. C. Bannon's block, occupied by Anson Sellew Company, \$75,000; George E. Judd block, occupied by La Palme-Hoffman Company, \$35,000; Ashoweth block, occupied by the D. C. Church Company, \$30,000; Waterbury American, loss on building, \$50,000; Schlitz Brewing Company, \$30,000; Conlon Bros., \$50,000; Edward McGraw, two blocks, \$85,000; Meigs block, \$40,000; Whittlesey block, \$20,000; Boston Furniture Company, \$40,000; Bronson block,

At 3 o'clock this morning the fire was believed to be under full control. It is impossible to give a full list of losses at

MURDERED IN A RESORT.

Dead Woman Identified as Minnie Clark-Theory of Police,

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.-Investigation by the police to-day confirms the belief that the woman found dead in a Christle-street house last night, with her throat cut, was murdered and a knife placed in her hand afterward to give the appearance of sui- MORBIDLY CURIOUS cide. The woman's identity was established, the officers finding that she was Minnie Clark, thirty-three years of age, who came here some time ago with her seventeen-year-old daughter May and her husband, William Clark, from St. Cloud, Minn. A year ago the husband became insane and was committed to an asylum. A neighbor heard a quarrel going on in the house Saturday, and other circumstances Testimony at the Inquest-A Physiwhich have come to light make the police more strongly inclined to the murder the-

SCORED BY W. D. HINES

INTERSTATE-COMMERCE COMMIS-SION HAULED OVER COALS.

Itself to Blame for Rate Cutting, According to the First Vice President of the L. & N. Road.

APPEAL FOR MORE AUTHORITY

SAID TO BE UNWARRANTED AND BASED ON FALSE PREMISES.

Commission Accused of Sulking for Years and Also Attempting to Create a Wrong Impression.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 2.-That the Interstate-commerce Commission is itself to blame for the rate cutting which it condemns in its last annual report is the claim made by Walker D. Hines, first vice president of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, in a pamphlet which he has just issued. His contention is in

substance as follows: "The commission endeavors, as it has done for years, to excite support for its demand for more power by describing the prevalence of secret rate cutting. It held new investigations at Chicago and Kansas City to disclose conditions which it has known for years, delaying the publication of its report so as to give the results of

"The indisputable fact must be kept before the public that the prevalence of rate cutting is an unanswerable argument against giving the commission more power, because it is due principally to the commission's utter failure to perform its man-

"The paramount purpose of the law was to secure publicity and the maintenance of tariff rates. It is the express duty of the commission to keep advised and enforce the law. It has the widest possible powers of investigation, including the right to call prosecute all violators. These powers have been upheld by the courts. The commisand prosecuting violations of the law, but and make it a dead letter by constantly proclaiming that the courts have made its sion's power to prevent rate cutting. 'As an illustration of its methods, it ing a rebate, it is necessary to show not rebate to some other shipper, which, as a In the panic caused by the fire there were | cision referred to distinctly holds that the mere fact of paying a rebate from the tariff rate is in itself an offense, regard- let him die.

The commission seems to have made its contention that the act is not enforceable. Moreover, no part of the new power cutting, and this report shows that this is now the evil to be contended with.

"I make no attempt to excuse the railroads for violating the law, but I insist that the commission's attitude is inexcus-Offended because the courts overruled its erroneous assumptions of power in other directions, it has been sulking for years-trying to create the false impression that the act is worthless and seeking that the burning embers thrown up by the | to use the rate cutting which it could and explosion would carry the flames to dis- ought to have prevented as a basis for demanding radical powers which would in no way tend to correct it.'

DIAMONDS RECOVERED.

Found in a Cache, Where They Had

Been Placed by Robbers. GLENDIVE, Mont, Feb. 2.-The diamonds stolen from the two iron-bound they had been cached. The robbery, which Pacific baggage room, broken open and who was arrested on suspicion, is said to agony to the last breath. Another wound have made a full confession to the sheriff last night and to have given directions for the finding of the missing jewels.

Carnival at San Juan.

nival season of a fortnight was enthusias- himself excel the celebration of 1901. The streets of dies were taken in charge by Undertaker will be rescued alive. The explosion oc- heard during the week are Messrs. Teller, Some of the losses are here given: W. H. and strewn with multi-colored confetti. them for burial. Arrangements are being striking a gas pocket. Hughes's store, \$75,000; Masonic Temple, night, at which blue costumes and blue morrow morning. They will be in charge confetti only were seen. Seven carnival of Sheriff T. R. Hoon.

Superintendent. The names of none of the insurrection in these ing from the cold to-night. Some of the insurrection in these ing from the cold to-night.

MRS. KATE SOFFEL'S CONDITION LESS FAVORABLE LAST NIGHT.

Woman Who Deserted Family and Fled with Notorious Murderers Now Suffering from Hemorrhages.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

EDWARD BIDDLE'S DEATH DUE TO A SELF-INFLICTED WOUND,

While John Biddle Succumbed to a Gunshot Wound Made by Officers in Discharge of Duty.

BODIES OF DESPERADOES VIEWED BY HUNDREDS OF WOMEN.

cian's Statement-Deathbed Confessions to a Priest.

of the Biddles is the sole topic of conversation here to-day and a curious crowd of people have been defying the storm, hanging about the jail entrance in vain attempts to get in to see the bodies of the dead murderers. A great deal of sympathy for the boys is expressed on all sides and not a few of the female portion of the crowd expressed a desire to see what manner of man Edward Biddle was that he should exert such a wonderful influence over women. Mrs. Soffel's con-

The jail doors were closed all day and tended the autopsy and the coroner's jury, which organized at 9 o'clock this morning. Even the reporters were excluded from the inquest, which was held in the jail. Coroner John L. Jones arrived at 9 o'clock at the jail and selected the jury. The testimony of all the officers concerned in the capture was taken, except that of Robert Ray, the Butler policeman, who is ill in bed. The testimony of Dr. Greer, one of the doctors who attended the Biddles, and of Sheriff Hoon, was also taken. The verdict of the jury was that Edward Biddle came to his death by a revolver shot fired from a 32-caliber revolver by himself and that John Biddle met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by the officers in discharge of their lawful

Under instructions of Coroner Jones, an autopsy was held on the Biddles this morn- don the black robes and veils as traveling | tee on rules will be instructed to offer a dinarily local politics have been forgotten at thirty-two miles an hour, a pretty stiff ing. The evidence secured by the autopsy bears out the statements that the Biddles intended to kill themselves rather than be taken alive and that Edward Biddle succeeded in his attempt, while John failed, though his life was forfeited.

THE TESTIMONY. The testimony taken at the inquest was voluminous, making about 11,000 words, and some parts of it quite sensational. The testimony given by Deputy Sheriff Rainey Hoon reflected severely on McGovern, one of the Pittsburg detectives. The latter part of Section 5 of the John Biddle verdict reads: "That said posse returned the fire and a fight ensued in which said John Biddle received the wound which caused his death. We hereby exonerate the officers from all liability, and commend them for their brave conduct and the faithful performance of their duty.' Deputy Hoon, after describing the hunt

for the fugitives and the final sighting of them coming over the hill, said: "We put our two teams in charge of Mr. J. A. Sny-We then got in line, and they came down the hill, and the first thing I saw Ed Biddle pulled a revolver. When he pulled the gun all began to shoot. I could not tell who fired the first shot. We all shot. should judge we were 150 feet from them.' Question-Did they fall out of the sled?

Answer-I have not much idea; I suppose forty or fifty shots. Question-The Biddles fell out of the sled? Answer-Yes, sir; both boys fell out and the woman fell forward. She stayed in the has by its supineness acquiesced in and | sleigh and the horse ran off with her and passed into the field. Question-Describe your approaching the

Answer-McGovern and I walked up to them. They were both lying on heir faces. I walked up first, and McGovern swore at me for it. I had a revolver in my hand and had it loaded. I walked up to them. chester when he was on his face. Then I merely that the railroad company paid a turned Edward over on his back. I was for the murder of James Heekin, at Shaw- special continuing order for to-morrow, was going to shoot them again. He stepped back and shot John again after he was practical matter, is almost impossible. on the ground. I turned Edward over, and This statement is not true. The very de- he said: "For God's sake don't shoot again -let me die." Mr. Holliday turned John over, who coaxed him not to abuse him, to

> Question-The slugs that entered the arms and side of John Biddle were from the shot fired by McGovern after he was Answer-Yes, sir; I am sure of that, was within a few feet. Question-Do you think the striking of

> John on the head had anything to do with the hastening of his death? Answer-I could not say. He could still Question-Did he strike with considerable

Answer-He hit him a good hard biff with the butt of the gun.

THE DOCTOR'S STATEMENT. Dr. Bricker gave the following statement after the autopsy:

"John Biddle was the worst wounded of condition than Edward when the men were brought to the jail Friday night. He had two gunshot wounds on the right side in the region of the liver, the bullets passing up and around the body and did no damage. They were removed on Saturday. A bullet wound was found in the roof of the mouth, but was slight and would not have caused death. This wound was inflicted by himself with the evident intention of committing suicide. In all John was suffering from nine wounds, but, excepting the one would have been fatal. Edward's terrible sufferings were caused by a bullet wound that struck him on the left breast about an inch and a half to the right of the nipple and passed down between the fourth and fifth ribs to the left of the heart and occurred on Jan. 19, was a bold one, the through the lung. This wound was made by visible on the skin. Death was caused by the diamonds abstracted. Jerry McCarty, hemorrhages and the man suffered untold found on his body was on the same side, about an inch from the left nipple, but the bullet struck the fourth rib, passed under the skin and did no damage. Both bullets found in Edward were .32 calibre, and, in

given an opportunity to look at the two notorious criminals. The crowd was so le are standing in front of the door waiting their turn. Noticeable among the crowd is the number of women who are curious to see the body of Edward Biddle. Mrs. Soffel is reported to be spitting blood to-night at the hospital and her condition is not considered favorable. The track of the bullet wound in her breast runs close to the pleura and the doctors are not yet able to tell whether the hemorrhage is caused by the wound or is at-

fully developed Since the officers concerned in the fight and capture of the Biddles have had time to cool off a little there appears to be a disposition to be fair towards each other in the matter of the distribution of the prize money, and an agreement to divide the \$5,000 aqually among the four officers here, the driver, J. A. Snyder, and the three Pittsburg detectives, has been practically consented to by all of the men except Detective McGovern, who is not here

DEATHBED CONFESSIONS.

Rev. Father Walsh Says Both the Biddles Made Dying Statements.

BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 2.-The pastors of nearly all of the churches in Butler to-day referred to the sensational capture on Friday of Mrs. Kate Soffel and John and Edward Biddle, who died in the county jail

Rev. Father Walsh, rector of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, who ministered to the Biddles in their dying hours, spoke touchingly of them to the members of his congregation. He touched briefly on their statements given out and said it was for every person to decide for themselves as to the innocence or guilt of the men. When seen at his residence this afternoon

Father Walsh said: "Besides the state-

ments given out by the Biddle boys to the newspapers and officers, both Edward and John Biddle made confessions to me. Edward's was made on Friday night. There was no one present but myself and John, lying in the next cell. John did not confess until yesterday. Their confessions were full and complete in every particular, and they will never be revealed. While ministering to them almost every hour after they were brought to jail, they often would talk to me of how they were wrongly accused of crimes. They denied positively that they killed Grocer Kahney in Mount Washington, and Edward told me in the most emphatic terms that he did not shoot Detective Patrick Fitzgerald. The poor boys died like dogs, literally riddled with bullets, and some one should be held responsible for inhuman actions in shooting them when entirely helpless, unarmed and unable to make the slightest defense. Rev. Samuel Cronin Wett, of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in his sermon to-night, spoke at length of the crimdition suddenly changed for the worse to- inal history made in Butler county in the past few days. He criticised severely the woman, whom he held responsible for the whole affair. He said: "The Biddles and no one got in but the doctors who at- Mrs. Soffel made a vain flight from justice, and retribution swiftly came upon them. The blindness and infatuation of this wom- of reduction. an in leaving her husband and helpless little children for a gang of desperadoes is the worst criminal act thus far in the history of the twentieth century.'

IN THE GARB OF NUNS.

How the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel Hoped to Reach Canada.

make their escape from prison. It was was that as soon as the trio had reached make for some remote mining place in John Biddle told Dr. Bricker before he died that they were at a loss for some plan to disguise themselves when they broke At last Mrs. Soffel hit upon the means already described.

Edward Biddle told Mrs. Soifel he had When once among them they would ecure some assurance of their future free-The thought that though the means was death, she had assisted her lover to escape the scaffold, seemed to soothe Mrs. Soffel to-day. She remarked to the attendants in the hospital that she had accomplished her purpose and was ready to meet her fate. At midnight conflicting reports were curwas that the symptoms of pneumonia are becoming pronounced and if not checked soon would prove fatal. Miss Cook, matron ered Mrs. Soffel's case as progressing

Question-How many shots had been fired | MURDERERS FOR WHOM A REWARD OF \$1,000 WAS OFFERED.

> Found in the Woods, Half Naked and when decisions are handed down. Nearly Starved, and Too Weak

> > to Offer Resistance.

BROCKWAYVILLE, Pa., Feb. 2.-Halfthe direction of 'Squire Thomas Keys, of dered. Aney declared last night that they

had nothing to eat for four days and were

and were easily overpowered by the posse.

nearly famished. When the Italian depu-

the two men, although he was in better NONE OF THE 106 DIGGERS WHO The majority and minority reports on the WERE AT WORK ESCAPED.

> Most of the Victims Were Mexicans report is foreshadowed in his recent stateand Chinese, Few Americans Being Employed-Mules All Killed.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 2.-The latest information from the Hondo, Mexico, mine explosion shows it to have been fully tariff revision. as serious as at firs; reported. There was a total of 106 miners at work in the mine tariff bill and the bill increasing the salwhen the explosion occurred, and all of aries of members of the federal judiciary. tims are Mexicans and Chinese, very few Americans having been at work in the is disposed of, while the Philippine bill. mine. Every mule in the mine was killed, which is in the hand of Senator Lodge, the opinion of the doctors who held the bris to-day. The work of clearing away day. The salary bill will be the subject SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 2.—The car- autopsy, there is no doubt that he killed the wreck in order to get to the bodies is only of running debate, but a number of After the autopsy the bodies of the Bid- there is no hope that any of the 106 men measure. Among the senators who will be

MR. CRUMPACKER'S SCHEME TO BE CONSIDERED TO-NIGHT.

tributable to some other cause not yet Republicans of the House to Discuss the Proposal to Reduce Southern Representation.

SENTIMENT NOT UNANIMOUS

INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OPPOSED TO TAKING ANY ACTION.

Mr. Crumpacker, However, Is Confi-Agreement Will Be Reached at the Caucus.

MERGER RUMOR DECISION

SUPREME COURT MAY REJECT THE MINNESOTA CASE.

Oleomargarine, War Revenue Tax Rein Congress This Week.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.- The caucus of the Republican members of the House, to be held to-morrow night as a result of a petition circulated by Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, to consider his scheme of reducing the Southern representation in Congress promises to be the first really interesting contest of the present Congress. The friends of Mr. Crumpacker's scheme have been quietly working all week mustering support. The Southern Republican members and a few others who have met and agreed to advocate a federal election law at the caucus have been likewise industrious in their efforts to secure the support of feat any action advocated by those in favor

There is still a third element, composed the matter up at all. Representative Cannon is one who says, "Leave them alone." The speaker, it is understood, would also be better satisfied should the caucus refuse to take the matter up in any form. The Republicans, therefore, must do one BUTLER Pa., Feb. 2 .- Wearing the garb of three things: Keep their hands off enof nuns of the Roman Catholic Church the tirely, favor the Crumpacker reduction Biddles and Mrs. Soffel had resolved to scheme, or the general federal election law, which is Bartholdt's bill. In case the cau-Mrs. Soffers plan, and the arrangement cus agrees that legislation leading to a reduction of the representation shall be terested as to what action Congress will Sisters of Marcy. They had planned to resolution which will permit the House and two parties have been formed-the op- breeze when the temperature of the jail. This problem was unsolved for days. be permitted to make the first argument property to be assured. many friends in Toledo, O., and in Mich- been interested in this matter for several be sufficient to garrison the islands in a that, With Mrs. Soffel Edward Biddle deal of attention. To-night he stated that business men who are financially interested planned their future as husband and wife. he was almost positive that an agreement in the provinces and consequently claim will be reached at one caucus.

The impression in Washington to-night is eral Taft is right on one condition only, to-morrow render its decision on the ap- efit of the Philippines. rent concerning Mrs. Soffel's condition. One plication for a hearing in the Northern Capt. Frank Green, president of the Securities case. As a matter of fact, there | American Chamber of Commerce here, says | local bureau on Saturday of the coming is naturally no readable way of anticipating he fully believes that Civil Governor Taft's cold snap and were not caught unprepared. at the hospital, however, said she consid- the time or nature of the decisions from forecast can be realized if Congress will The temperature as recorded at the weather the United States Supreme Court, but it is arrange to open the country to mining and bureau since 4 o'clock yesterday morning also true that when a big decision is com- homestead laws and to enla ge the forestry | follows: ing rumors get in the air that it is so and reserves. Should this legislation be efvery frequently they are correct. In this | fected, an act by the Philippine Commiscase the news of the coming of the decis- sion granting franchises would naturally ion seems to carry with it the impression | follow and American capital in large quanthat the court will decide that it has no titles, as well as many American miners jurisdiction, and that the State of Minne- and homestead seekers, would come to the sota must seek relief in lower federal courts. | islands. If the decision is not handed down to-mor- "If this were accomplished," continued row no other opportunity will be offered un- the president of the Chamber of Comtil Feb. 24, which will be the next day merce, "we would immediately have a large

PLANS OF THE CONGRESS.

Oleomargarine Bill to Be Disposed of in the House This Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-This promises naked and nearly starved, Thomas Mada- to be an interesting week in the House. lena and Bennie Poli, the Italians wanted | The oleomargarine bill has been made a mut, Saturday, Jan. 28, were brought to and after it is disposed of, which probably bay in a lonely woods near Crenshaw, two | will be on Tuesday, the bill for the repeal | of the prosperity. miles from this place at 10 o'clock last of the war revenue taxes will follow. night of their crime, and the commissioners of the Democrats to open up the whole night was composed of four Italians, under | Cuban reciprocity is also likely to be dethis place. The murderers had been hid- bated at length, as members on both sides ing in the woods since Heekin was mur- of the House are anxious to define their positions. The friends of the oleomargarine bill have no doubt of its passage. They ties under 'Squire Keys appeared they were | regard the vote on the adoption of the spetoo weak to offer any material resistance | cial order last Friday as practically a test | Governor Taft before the Senate commitvote. The bill is practically the old Grout tee on the Philippines regarding future products colored in imitation of butter, about more rapid explanations on the suband to make retail dealers who color oleo- | jects most needing attention. margarine subject to the same penalties as the manufacturers.

> bill reducing the war revenue taxes are practically completed, the purpose being the provinces is probably due to the conto report the bill to the House after a tinuation in these provinces, in a military meeting of the ways and means committee capacity, of the same officers who previ- steam pilot boat New York, which is used to-morrow. Chairman Payne's majority ment when the bill was agreed upon. It deals mainly with the extent and details of the reduction, which is said to be the made by a nation. The minority of the committee conferred to-day and will meet at 11 a. m. to-morrow to sign the final draft of their report. It will concur with the majority in supporting tax reduction, and also will discuss the general subject of

For the most part the Senate will divide Hoar, and will be considered in the mornwill continue to have right of way as the being rushed as rapidly as possible, but set speeches will be made on the other ment be established in every place possifrom the jail to one of the hallways of to the owners of the mine is very heavy. Stewart's amendment increasing the sal- occur daily.

will be unceremoniously voted down. On Monday Senator Hale, from the committee on appropriations, will report the urgent deficiency bill and ask to have it considered on the following day. The amendments in this bill providing for the entertainment of Prince Henry and the expense of this country incident to the coronation may lead to tained of the final favorable disposition of those items.

Good Position for C. S. Conant.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-Charles S. Conant, who has been for twelve years Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce Commercial Bulletin, has been elected treasurer of a trust company in New York. Mr. Conant has recently returned from the Philippines, where he was sent last summer by the War Department to investigate and report on the banking and coinage system of the islands.

STORY TOLD BY A "MARQUIS."

teen-Year-Old California Girl.

Frenchman Who Married a Seven-

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 2 .- The police of this city have under guard a man claiming to be the Marquis Rudolph de Lucenay, of Calcutta, India, and his wife, awaiting the

arrival of officers from El Paso. It is charged that the marquis swore falsely as to the age of the young woman he married at El Paso Jan. 3. The wife of Marquis De Lucenay was Miss Roy Luckhardt, of Los Angeles, Cal. She is said to be seventeen years of age and to own vast tracts of land in Mexico and this country. The marquis himself claims to be the owner of thousands of arcres of valuable land in the province of Thibet, India. The marquis says he has served two years in the French army, beginning as second lieutenant and leaving as captain of the Eleventh Infantry. According to Lucenay he left India to escape political persecution and surveil-

intends returning to lead the natives

lance of the British government,

against their oppressors.

ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS OF THE VEXED PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

Views of Capt. Frank Green, President of the American Chamber of Commerce at Manila.

a sufficient number of the members to de- CONGRESS MUST TAKE ACTION

of members who think it unwise to take THAT WILL RESULT IN THE INVEST-MENT OF AMERICAN CAPITAL.

> With Industries Established Throughout the Islands, Filipinos Would Be Working Instead of Plotting.

MANILA, Feb. 2.-Manila is intensely in-

to-morrow night, in which he will go over | Criticisms of the statement of Civil Gov- from the Atlantic ocean was seventy-two the entire question thoroughly. He has ernor Taft that he believed 15,000 men would years and has given the subject a great year are plentiful. Yet the majority of the

body of resourceful and self-reliant men scattered throughout the archipelago, who would become a source of information for the government concerning the natives surrounding them, and who would constitute a reserve force in case of necessity. The consequent development of the islands would give employment to an increasing number of Filipinos, who, while busy mak- Followed by Low Temperature That ing money, would have less time to plot. The good wages in sight would make even those Filipinos in the field desert their insurrection in order to enjoy their share

"Every one admits the excellent work the country made itself manifest in this done by the native constabulary, which city and suburbs to the great discomfort of night and captured. The two Italians have While both sides are unanimous in favor of will be increased. Many municipalities also been pursued and searched for since the the repeal of these taxes it is the intention now possess a fairly efficient police force. The concentration of the American troops top of a heavy fall of snow came rain, into substantial barracks would reduce the | which turned the snow into slush and made of Ely county and the Shawmut Mining tariff question during the debate on this sick rate among them, and 15,000 men, un-Company have offered a reward of \$1,000 bill, and they will make a strong fight for der such circumstances, would equal 20,000 lying face downward on the snow at close for their capture. The pursuing party last ample time for discussion. The question of men now. Given these conditions, it can afternoon the rain turned to snow, and a readily be seen that in case of a local outbreak with which the police would be unable to cope the constabulary would be handy: should it be necessary the mui- was accompanied by a gale which in extary can come in, and then, as a last re- posed quarters broke branches of trees, sort, there would be this ever-increasing body of American citizens willing to render assistance. "I consider the assurances made by Civil

> much as they will have a tendency to bring A prominent member of the government | lowest mark is reached. says that the order of General Chaffee to military commanders to harmonize with the civil authorities will have some effect. thinks whatever friction there has been in

and General MacArthur for making state- channel and the southwest spit were purments which the facts did not seem to posely extinguished to-night owing to the largest single reduction of taxation ever warrant, while, as a matter of fact, both heavy sea grounding the cables. On acgenerals were right. General Otis justly considered he had the situation well in from Havre, and the steamer Phoenicia. hand, even though the fighting continued. To General MacArthur is due much credit for pacifying a large portion of the Phil- outside of the Sandy Hook bar, where they ippine islands, but to General Chaffee are having a rough ride to-night. The big comes the greatest opportunity, that of stamping out insurrection in those places | was forced to anchor in Sandy Hook bay, its time this week between the Philippine where there has been the most stubborn her captain not daring to risk putting to sea resistence, prolonged beyond what was in face of such a terrific wind and without thought possible. I think that General them are dead. The majority of the vic- The salary bill is in charge of Senator Chaffee is doing this effectively, and that his example and influence on the military ing hour of the Senate each day until it government will soon result in establishing most cordial relations between the civil and military authorities. General Chaffee recthree dead ones being taken from the de- unfinished business after 2 o'clock of each government are working by different means ognizes that both these branches of the to the same end-the desire of the Ameri- Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

probable the debate on the Philippine bill | Laguna, southern Luzon, has arrived here

some discussion, but no doubt is enter- COLD WAVE REACHED THIS CITY ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

> A Fierce Wind That Blew All Day and Night Added to the Annoyance

> > of Pedestrians.

ZERO TEMPERATURE MAY LAST

LOCAL BUREAU HOLDS OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR SURCEASE.

During the Day and Evening the Mercury Fell with a Grim Steadiness.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE

BLIZZARD IN NORTHERN PENNSYL-VANIA AND NEW YORK.

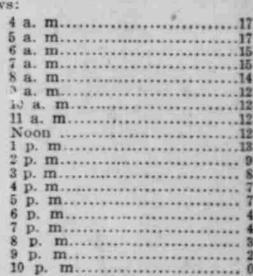
Severe Gale at Sandy Hook-Heavy Railway Traffic Affected.

If, in accordance with his usual custom, the groundhog poked his stubby nose out of his hole yesterday to see whether the weather was propitious for an early abandonment of his winter home he must have got it frostbitten. So far as cloudiness went his pigship must have been tickled. for the early morning was tinged with gloom and it indicated, if the tradition of the fathers still holds good, that he need go back for a nap of only six more weeks. But the little weather prophet doubtless did not take long for observation and to make up his mind, else he would have been

At daylight yesterday morning it was pretty cold, but not half so frigid as it became a few hours later. Hour by hour the thermometer dropped steadily until noon, when it went down with a rush of four degrees in an hour to the mark of 9 above zero. From then on until night the fall become again steady, a degree or so an hour. At 10 o'clock last night official thermometers registered zero, and Mr. Blythe, of the weather bureau, was of opinion that the mark would be maintained through the night and in the earlier morn-

A BITTER WIND. The wind yesterday was bitter and people kept off the streets as much as possible in an effort to avoid it. By the records of the a place of temporary safety they were to taken up, it is quite probable the commit- take concerning the Philippine islands. Or- local weather bureau its velocity was given to empower the speaker to appoint a se- timists and the pessimists. Some think that was hurled flercely into the faces of Canada, where they were to live together. lect committee to make a complete investi- that life and property are unsafe outside pedestrians is considered. As regards the gation and report on the necessity of such of the towns of the islands, while others | wind Indianapolis was more fortunate than legislation. Representative Crumpacker will ridicule such ideas and consider life and most cities in the country. The velocity of the wind that swept into New York city miles an hour, and it was a cold wind at

> The sudden cold delayed a number of through trains as usual and interfered to some extent with local service. The street exceptional opportunities for feeling the car service did not seem to be particularly pulse of the people say that Governor Gen- crippled, although men and women who stood at crossings and waited for their cars that the United States Supreme Court will that being that Congress acts for the ben- undoubtedly had a different opinion. Commission men and the gas companies and water companies had been warned by the



SNOW, RAIN AND WIND,

Chilled New Yorkers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.-The storm which has been prevalent all day in this section of all people who ventured out of doors. On swamps of lowlying grounds. In the early little later this condition disappeared in the face of a decided drop in temperature. This blew away insecure boarding, tangled up wires and sent store signs flying to the street. One fatality from a falling sign was reported here in the early evening. bill, imposing a tax of 10 cents a pound on peace in these islands to be timely, mas- To-night the high wind continued and the temperature to drop. The signal bureaus predict a fall to 10 degrees above before the

Since sundown to-day a gale has been blowing at Sandy Hook. At times the wind The member of the government in question | reached the rate of over sixty miles an hour. The sea outside and in the New York lower bay is extremely rough. The ously wielded civil power there. "The peo- to any weather, came in to-night and anple at home." says this member of the gov- chored under ice of the Highlands. The ernment, "are prone to blame General Otis clectric-lighted buoys marking Gedney count of this the steamer L'Aquitaine from Hamburg and Boulogne, each carrying many passengers, were forced to anchor freighter Drachenfeld, bound for Savarnah,

guidance of the channel. FAMILIAR CRY FROM MUNCIE.

Gas Belt Suffering Because Natural Fuel Is Scarce.

can people that a clean and good govern-MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 2.-The government Gen. Franklin Bell, commanding the a fail of 33 degrees to-day in twelve hours, San Juan are crowded with masqueraders W. P. Roesing, of Butler, who prepared curred in mine No. t, and was caused by Turner, Carmack and Culberson. It is not troops of the provinces of Batangas and reaching zero at 11 o'clock to-night. Camp block, in which was located Reid & A ball was given at the theater here to- made to take the bodies to Pittsburg to- The mine is the property of the Coahulla will be concluded during the week. The to confer with General Chaffee. He befull force on Monday as a result.